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COUNSELING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 29, 2020

Members Present: Janet O'Connor, Patricia Kerstner

Staff Present: Donna Dalton, Deputy Director; Elma Brambila, Credentialing Manager

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on May 29, 2020 at 9:02 a.m., with Dr. Kerstner presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. April 24, 2020 general meeting minutes

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the general meeting minutes for the April 24, 2020 meeting as submitted.

4. Report from Chair

No report.

5. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General agency operations

No report

B. Discussion regarding crisis counseling hours

Ms. Dalton shared with members that in the past crisis counseling hours were not considered toward independent licensure. Additionally, Ms. Dalton shared that information was submitted to the Board on May 8th for their consideration. Following review and discussion by members, the members unanimously voted to allow the Board to accept up to 25% of the supervised work experience hours required for independent licensure. This would allow for up to 400 hours of direct client contact, up to 400 hours of indirect and up to 25 hours of clinical supervision.

C. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding proposed rulemaking

Ms. Dalton reminded the members that the Board filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the Office of the Secretary of State. She encouraged members to submit feedback. She also shared that there is a link to the Notice on the website.

6. Assistant Attorney General's Report: Marc Harris, A.A.G.

No report.

7. Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action

A. Leslie Sherlin (Alexis Meinhold, LPC, outside clinical supervisor)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Crystal Alvarez (Heather Ford, LPC, outside clinical supervisor)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Jody Barba, (Ryan Olson, LCSW, outside clinical supervisor)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding requests for deficiency extensions and examination

A. Nancy Rivera, LAC applicant (90 day exam extension)

B. Tamar Reed, LPC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

C. Amy Christy, LAC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

D. Tara Rayan, LPC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

E. Jeanne Brown, LAC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

F. Tara Ernst, LAC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

G. Ryan Block, LCSW applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

H. Emily Priest, LCSW applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

I. Juliandra Bailon, LAC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

J. Karen Castro, LAC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

K. Candace Lopez, LCSW applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

L. James Davis, LAC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

M. Bonnie Brabson, LAMFT applicant (60 day deficiency extension)

Ms. O'Connor, moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding applications requesting review under rules prior to November 1, 2015

None

10. Exam accommodation and/or 90-day waiver request: review, consideration and action

None

11. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and possible action

A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for licensure

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend the following 6 as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam.

Timothy Mace
Arlin Butler

Raymond Hamilton
Danielle Misiak

Nancy DeLoera
Leslie Morrow

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to approve Summer Smith, Todd Johnson and Margaret Mohr as Licensed Associate Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to approve Kimberly Leatherdale as a Licensed Professional Counselor by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 8 based on their failure to establish they meet minimum licensure requirements.

Sonda Bettis
Heather Han
Andrea Twitchell

Elijah Dixon
Katennia Thomas
Laura Gomez

Crystal Kapuscinski
Maria Poytress

The motion passed unanimously.

Following review, members requested additional information on the following applications:

Cassandra Curiel
Maria Aviles

Abigail Muzila
Jennifer Taylor

Mary Mecham

The committee tabled the application of Angeline Reine.

B. Appeals

1. Marcel Rivera, LAC applicant

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to accept the additional practicum hours and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

2. John Lare, LAC applicant

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to accept the additional practicum hours and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to accept DL-095 Diagnostics in Mental Health for the category of Assessment; PYF 7162 Methods and Models of Research for the category of Research and program evaluation; DL-095 Diagnostics in Mental Health and DL-0108 Psychopharmacology for an additional 6 semester credit hours of counseling related course work to equals the degree to 60 semester credit hours and to

recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on a continued curriculum deficiency. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Applications for educational programs: review, consideration and possible action.

A. Pepperdine University, Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology Marriage and Family Therapy Emphasis

Members reviewed information regarding the program.

Dr. Natasha Thapar-Olmos, Associate Professor and Director of Online Programs in Psychology, participated telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to find the curriculum deficient. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Future agenda items

None

14. Call for public comment

No one was present to respond to the call for public comment.

15. Establishment of future meeting dates

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 West Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

16. Adjournment

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Janet O'Connor
Secretary/Treasurer

Date